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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

SITUATION IN PORTUGAL.

London, Feb. 3.

Messages based on obviously coloured information are arriving regarding the situation in Portugal. Reuter's correspondent at Oporto on the 1st quotes Royalist communiques to the effect that conditions are thoroughly normal in Oporto where the Royalist administration is discharging its financial obligations and territorial rains are interrupting the advance southward. On the 2nd Reuter's correspondent at Madrid, quoting frontier news, says the Republicans, after inflicting heavy losses in a skirmish, are now marching to Oporto.

SOUTH AFRICAN HEALTH MEASURES.

Capetown, Feb. 3.

In the Assembly Sir Thomas Watt moved the second reading of the Public Health Bill. He stated that during the war the Union forces had lost 6,300 natives, while the recent epidemic had carried off 11,738 whites and 127,745 natives and coloured people. The Bill creates a portfolio of Public Health with a Central Health Administration, also special provisions for dealing with special diseases like tuberculosis, small-pox and venereal disease.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST CONFERENCE.

Berne, Feb. 3.

The Swiss Socialists have decided not to participate in the International Socialist Conference because the majority of Socialists of the belligerent countries do not support class war.

SHAMEEN NOTES.

(From our own Correspondent)

JAPANESE BASEBALL MATCH.

On the 2nd February a team of base-ball players arrived in Canton from Hongkong on a visit to play the base-ball team made up between the members of the Japanese firms on the Shameen. The Japanese team from Hongkong put up a good show against the Shameen team, finally winning by an odd point. Finishing scores being Hongkong 11—Canton 10. Yesterday the team was entertained at the Victoria Hotel to dinner by the M.B.K., having the same afternoon for Hongkong. This is the first time a Japanese team has been matched on the field in Canton.

FEW NEW YEAR FIRES.

"It seems remarkable the scarcity of fires in Canton. Chinese New Year is usually a period of bonfires, but this year only three fires have been reported of a very small nature. The Insurance Co. on Shameen is reporting a 'Good Chinese New Year'.

SEASONABLE WEATHER.

The weather in Canton has been the most seasonable for some years. It is reported by missionaries who have long resided here and neighbourhood that not for 25 years has the temperature been as low as 24 degrees which point was registered this morning—4th. Outlying districts experienced the sight of ice on small patches of water left after recent rains.

SAMPAN UPSET.

An unfortunate accident occurred on Sunday evening—a sampan upsetting near the English Consulate Landing, Shameen. A number of Japanese were returning to Shameen from Honam and as the boat neared the landing steps the passengers attempted to get ashore quickly with the consequence of too much weight being put on one side and so capsized. The Japanese were able to land but the Chinese working the boat were submerged, all their belongings going under. A small child was missing and after some search was found and taken on board the American Gunboat moored near by. Artificial respiration was brought to bear on the child and eventually succeeded much to the delight of the Chinese. This is one up to the American sailor. It is reported the M.B.K. will compensate the sampan people for the inconvenience and assist them financially.

LAST NIGHT'S CONCERT.

M. SYKORA'S AND M. SKLAREVSKI'S TRIUMPH.

The Theatre Royal was again filled to overflowing last evening, on the occasion of the second concert given by M. Sklarevski and M. Sykora. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, and party occupied seats in the Dress Circle, and the audience was roused to a high pitch of enthusiasm by the wonderful playing of these two gifted artists, the like of whom Hongkong has never heard before. The programme was opened by Piatti's Concerto for cello, in D minor, (opus 25) which is one of the most difficult of cello pieces and is rarely attempted excepting by front rank players. As on the last occasion, M. Sklarevski and M. Sykora displayed that remarkable control and union of execution which alone places them in a category almost unapproachable. The three movements of this composition demand the highest expressive and interpretive powers in addition to faultless execution and it may be compared to a Paganini masterpiece of execution as analogous to the cello. M. Sykora's rendering of the concerto was received with almost an ovation. In his next appearance the cellist dealt in a masterly manner with an old English composition of the 17th Century, called "Eccles". The tempo is adagio and the piece has only just been taken up by present day musicians. The manuscript was taken by Moffat and from it he arranged the piece and this masterpiece of English music has thus been rescued from oblivion. In his own variations on a theme, M. Sykora displayed his marvellous ability in staccato playing. In composing this piece, M. Sykora has set himself a standard which it is doubtful any other musician has ever attempted. He played the chromatic staccato passages with faultless execution and without an effort. The tremendous executive difficulties which the composition presents had no terrors for the composer and there can be no criticism. M. Sykora played two encores, one of which was particularly attractive—Beethoven's Minuet in G Major, played with the mute. The delicacy and charm of this work of the Bonn genius was beautifully exemplified in M. Sykora's interpretation and, like his other items, left the audience dumbfounded that a man could arrive at such a stage of perfect control over an instrument.

COMPANY REPORT.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

The following is the report of the Directors of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

Gentlemen.—The Directors now beg to submit to you their Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1918. The net profit for that period, after deducting Directors' and General Managers' remuneration and including \$10,413 brought forward from last account, amounts to \$167,749.97 which the Directors recommend should be appropriated as follows:—Pay a dividend of 60 cents per share, \$90,000, transfer to typhoon and floods, insurance fund \$10,000, and to fund for equalisation of dividends \$50,000, write off furniture account \$450, carry forward to new profit and loss account \$17,299.97, \$167,749.97.

Dr. J. W. Noble having resigned, Mr. A. Forbes was invited to join the Board. The Directors now are:—Messrs. J. Scott Harston, A. O. Lang, W. L. Pattenden, and A. Forbes who, in accordance with Rule No. 76 of the Company's Articles of Association, retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election. The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

DEAD MEN'S FLIGHT.

AFROPLANE WITH DEAD CREW TRAVELS 50 MILES.

Mr. Hughes recently opened at Australia House an exhibition of war trophies captured by Australians.

One of the largest exhibits is a German aeroplane of the Albatross scout type, the first to be brought down intact by an Australian squadron in France. A curious history attaches to the fight in which it figured.

On December 17, 1917, an Australian machine, which was co-operating with a heavy battery, was attacked by six enemy aeroplanes of this type. The pilot drove down this particular machine with a damaged engine, and with the aid of another Australian aeroplane drove the enemy off after a hot action. This second Australian machine returned to its aerodrome for more ammunition. The first did not return, and the following night it was found in a field fifty air-line miles from the scene of combat with pilot and observer dead in their seats.

Both men had been killed instantaneously by a bullet, and the machine had flown itself in wide circles, drifting with the wind for some hours until the petrol ran out when it came down in a steep glide and landed without completely wrecking itself.

SPARTACUS.

How many people could say off hand who and what was the man after whom the extremist section of the German Socialists—the Spartacus group—have named themselves? Yet Spartacus was one of the outstanding military geniuses in history. He—like Toussaint L'Ouverture—was a slave who owed none of his military skill to orthodox training. Shepherd, he later became chief of a band of robbers, was captured and sold to a trainer of gladiators at Capua. In 73 B.C. with a band of about seventy followers, he escaped from his master and made for the crater of Vesuvius, where he was joined by hordes of escaped slaves. He routed an army of 3,000 men sent against him, and proceeded to overrun southern Italy, his ranks receiving continual accessions of strength until he was at the head of an army 100,000 strong. Spartacus knew that he could not defy the might of Rome indefinitely, and wished to march his followers to the north, where beyond the Alps they might disperse to their native regions. But, drunk with success and lured with the vision of further plunder from the rich cities of the plain, they refused to follow him. Against his better judgment, Spartacus continued the war, showing a strategy and valour which enabled him to rout one consular army after another. He was at length hemmed into the narrow peninsula of Rhegium, from which, however, he burst through the Roman lines with a portion of his forces. This was the beginning of the end, however, and in 71 he made a last desperate effort to seize the shipping at Brundisium, hoping to cross the Adriatic. His attack was foiled, and, falling back upon the River Silarus, he made a heroic stand, fighting to the death.

M. Sklarevski and M. Sykora are to give two further concerts, one on Saturday evening next, and by special request, a matinee on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at 5 p.m. On Saturday M. Sykora will play a Jewish composition arranged by Bruch, entitled *Kol N'drei*. The piece is a wonderful instance of descriptive music and is based on the prayer to God for forgiveness by the Jews who were compelled by the Spanish Inquisition to adopt the Catholic faith, and is sung in all Synagogues every year, before the Jewish New Year. M. Sklarevski will play Schumann's "Carnival" in which he will demonstrate wonderful harmonic effects on the piano.

IMPERIAL MERCHANT SERVICE GUILD.

QUESTIONS TO WOULD-BE M. P.'S

Prior to the recent General Election, the Imperial Merchant Service Guild submitted the following questions to candidates:—

A Ministry of Marine in entire control of Merchant Service: Are you in favour of the complete abolition of the present system whereby the Merchant Service is, in different ways, under the control of three Government Departments, and of the substitution of a Ministry of Marine or Shipping which shall be placed in complete control of the Merchant Service under a Minister who shall hold the same status as the Ministers of the other great Government Departments. This Minister of Marine or Shipping to regulate and systematise the uses of the Merchant Service in time of peace and to make so far as may be possible, proper provision in case of our Maritime Supremacy is ever again assailed instead of again inviting the chaotic condition which existed at the outbreak of the war. Further, that it will be ensured that the Officers and men of the Merchant Service shall be fully and adequately represented in connection with the administration of such a Ministry?

German Boycott.—Are you in favour of wholly debarring in future all aliens—more especially our alien enemies—from serving in British ships, and are you prepared to support essentially that none but British-born subjects shall officer British ships?

Reparation.—Do you pledge yourself to support any and every effort which may be made to exact full reparation from the enemy for the havoc, the distress and suffering which he has created amongst those who have served in Merchant ships during the war, and amongst their wives, children, and other dependents?

Improved Conditions.—Are you prepared to support anything which may be proposed in the way of improving the pay and conditions of the Officers and men of the Merchant Service commensurately with their national importance and their services to the State, and will you strongly oppose any steps which may be taken in the way of undermining those improvements—financial and otherwise—which have been brought about in the course of the war?

Equal Favours with the Combatant Forces.—Are you prepared to accept the principle—which has already been adopted in different important respects—that where any particular favours or concessions are granted to Officers and men of the Combatant Forces, in consideration of their services during the war, such favours and concessions shall also be granted to the Officers and men of the Merchant Service?

A national pension fund for the Merchant Service.—Will you strongly support the steps which have already been taken by the Navy League, by the Guild, and by the other representative bodies of Merchant Seafarers with a view to establishing a National Pension Fund for the Merchant Service—the necessary money to be raised by means of contributions by the Government, Shipowners, Officers and men and from different other sources upon which such a Fund has a just and rightful claim?

DAY BY DAY.

In Queen's Road West two ricksha coolies were plying their vehicles when the shaft of one ricksha accidentally bumped against the other ricksha. The coolie of the latter became infuriated and although the other fellow said it was an accident and expressed his willingness to pay for any damage caused, the irate coolie insisted on having it out. They put down their vehicles and indulged in a boxing bout, the referee being an Indian constable on duty at the time. After it was all over and one received a black eye the constable marched them to the police station and today they came up before Mr. J. R. Wood to have their grievances redressed. The man who gave one lovely black eye to the other said he did so on provocation, after he received a blow from his rival. They were fined \$5 but the Indian constable who witnessed the boxing tournament and enjoyed it without spending a cent was not asked to contribute towards the \$5.

People, who are under the impression that all cash found on a gambler's person at the time of the Police arrest go to the Poor Box, are living in a Fool's Paradise. It would not be prudent for the Government to establish this practice, seeing that Hongkong is the gambler's den, and the opium smuggler's den. What usually goes into the Poor Box is the small cash, which must not exceed 30 cents; all higher amounts are confiscated. So far we have on record no case of gamblers being confiscated, and should one day any of our Magistrates in a moment of remissness order any Celestial to be confiscated, what fun we shall enjoy! Reuter's representative in Hongkong will wire off to all parts of the world of this new procedure and this Colony will enjoy the reputation of being the first to set the fashion. O, that this comes about soon! Eight Chinese were arrested last night in Upper Lascar Road for gambling. Inspector Grant told Mr. Lindsell that the story of the gamblers that they were indulging in an innocent game for pastime was not true. It was not an ordinary game, but one of chance, and this was substantiated by the fact that \$32.16 was on the table. The first two men were charged as well for keeping a gaming house, which the Police could not prove although they brought two constables to give evidence. "I am still doubtful," said Mr. Lindsell, and discharged these two on the count of keeping a gaming house, but all were fined \$3 each for gambling and the \$32.16 "confiscated."

Consular System.—Are you in favour of an entire reorganisation of the British Consular System and the total abolition of alien holding positions as British Consuls and Vice-Consuls, and would you consider the suitability for such appointments of experienced Captains of Merchant Ships whose world-wide knowledge and experience would be a valuable asset in such posts?

Briefly.—In short, will you, if elected, support any measure or proposition which is brought forward in the House of Commons for the benefit of the Officers and men of the Merchant Service with the object of placing them on that status which shall be a fit and just reward for their chivalry, indomitable courage, and skill on the high seas?

GENERAL BYNG.

HOW HE CAME HOME.

"H. R. S.," writing in a Home paper, says:—

We have had as yet no opportunity of cheering on mass our famous generals. That great time is to come. Meanwhile two or three of them, including General Sir Herbert Plumer and General Sir Henry Rawlinson, have paid fleeting visits to London and have managed to escape unobserved. General the Hon. Sir Julian Byng, Commander of the 3rd Army, also passed through London the other day and very few people were any the wiser. But when he got down to his own home at Thorpe-le-Soken, in Essex, for a few hours leave, the whole village turned out and gave him an uproarious welcome.

It was dark when he and the Hon. Lady Byng arrived, but they were all ready for him. They had waited patiently for this hour of triumph. All through the war they have watched his career with great pride from the time he was a divisional commander to the day when he was appointed a full general for his brilliant attack at Cambrai, which exploded the fallacy of the "impenetrable front." It was the 3rd and 4th Armies, too, that struck most of the blows that brought final victory.

The station was as bright as day and along the road, the faces of the villagers were lit up by torch-lights. There was great cheering when the local train, after its long and laborious journey from Colchester, drew up at the platform. There was a motor-car waiting to take the general and his wife to their home, but they never got near it. They were swept from the station into the roadway, the centre of a yelling throng, and a mixed procession of soldiers and civilians made its way to Thorpe Hall. Here a pleasant surprise awaited the General and Lady Byng. In their absence the villagers had illuminated the grounds with fairy lamps and they found the place offering a glittering welcome.

Foremost among the torch-bearers was a veteran of the old British Army who has several times already brought his congratulations to Thorpe Hall. The hour was too thrilling for speech-making, but the church bells were ringing, and the repeated cheers of the villagers were eloquent enough. The whole village was so flagged and there was festivity inside the "Maid's Head" and the "Crown" such as has not been seen since the war began.

From inside the house emerged "Miss Byng," the general's terrier, with a joyous cry, and there were loud congratulations from the Byng parrot.

The name of Byng is one of the immortal names that will go down with the imperishable traditions made by the British Army.

But to Thorpe-le-Soken he will always be their very own pride and joy.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

Coronet Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

Coronet Theatre—9.15 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 7.

Wharf and Godown Co. Meeting of Shareholders.—Noon.

SATURDAY, FEB. 8.

Hongkong Hotel Co. Meeting of Shareholders.—11 a.m.

Theatre Royal.—Concert by Professor Sklarevski and M. Sykora.

TUESDAY, FEB. 11.

Hongkong Canton & Swatow Steamship Co. Ltd. Meeting of Shareholders.—Noon.

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WHISPERED WIT.

Bridge of Sighs.—The proposal to build a bridge to Kowloon is still in the misty future; and one sighs when thinking of the difficulties confronting the proposition. Should it ever materialise, what with the magnitude of the task and the enormous amount of material and labour involved, it will be a veritable Bridge of Sighs.

The theatrical companies which recently made such financial successes at the City Hall, may be said to have made quite a Pretty Haul!

The man who sees the seamy side of life—the Tailor. And the man who sees the grosser side of life—the Grocer. But while the jeweller looks on the bright side of things the outlook is very black for the coal merchant.

Caught.—"Fine day, yer honour," said the defendant, ingratiatingly, as he stepped into the box. "Yes, it is!" said the magistrate. "Ten dollars!"

Airmen are talking of holding an aerial Derby and Steeplechases in the near future. Fancy jumping over the Eiffel Tower or Mont Blanc in a bus and only a few yards to do it in! Flying in the face of Providence, I call it. If you bump a building in the race, where are you? And if your bus bust, there you are.

Counted out.—What a delightfully comic class of people the Sinn Feiners are. They have appointed three delegates to the Peace Conference, one of whom is a Count. However they are of no account. So perhaps they will hold a Peace Conference among themselves, which would more than likely end in a Shillelah fight with the Count "taking the count."

Pip, Pip, Old Bean!—Many subalterns have, for a long time, had what they termed "the pip." They will soon lose it when they return to civil life.

Labour agitators in Australia are working for an O. B. U. as assiduously as if it were an C. B. E. One feels inclined to say angrily, "O. B. D."

It is said that when women politicians become Members of Parliament, they intend to ignore industrial agitators and their requests for support in the House of Commons.

Oh, women in their hours of ease.

Would cook a roast or lamb and peas.

But soon when they are legislators.

They'll simply cut the agitators.

The Prodigal.—Russia is now as eager to rush in to the Peace Conference as she was to let Germany rush her out of the war.



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I never realised how annoying and irritating night owls could be, until I once went to stay with some friends who had twin babies cutting teeth. One could then almost cut the atmosphere.

I hear that some of the world's best boxers are likely to visit Hongkong. And coming from the land where there is so much "striking" they should prove exceptionally good. I fully expect them to make a big "hit."

The All Red Route—Beetroot. Old proverb—be true to yourself and you will beetroot to others.

Australians object strongly to parting with the Marshall and Caroline Islands. They say Australia can find a use (Hughes) for them. Does that mean that they will send the Prime Minister there as Governor?

A very large number of women as well as men voted for Mr. Fisher, the Minister for education. His supporters could very aptly be termed Fisher men and Fisher women.

The most widely used means of camouflage.—Face powder.
SIMPLE SIMON.

FROM THE PULPIT.

THE SUNLESS SEASON.

Notes of a sermon by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald at Union Church on Sunday evening—
"I go mourning without the sun."—Job 30:23.

In this metaphor the sufferer expresses his feeling when deprived of social comforts and smitten with numerous afflictions. Like others, Job had expected happiness and found the opposite—"When I looked for good," he says, "the evil came unto me; and when I waited for light there came darkness." He had thought the night of sorrow was going to break into the morning of joy, but found the curtains of a sable Providence still around him, and his life was like that of the material world when its sunshine is withheld.

There may be some few of us who can subscribe to Dr. Johnson's dictum that it is unworthy of the dignity of a human being to be affected by the state of the atmosphere. But most of us are bound to feel more or less cheered or depressed according as our sky is radiant or clouded, especially during the time of the year when we may ordinarily expect sunshine. The present season has been disappointing in this respect, and many are conscious of a detrimental influence upon health and spirits. Our usual period of bright and brilliant weather has on the whole been damp and dark. Instead of sunny days we have had over us a rarely broken canopy of clouds, and residents have been ruefully searching their memories to find a season like it. All this brings certain familiar lessons to our remembrance, a few of which I shall touch upon.

The first of these is just the old reminder of man's necessary limitations. We are made to realise how powerless we are, with all our growth in knowledge, when the great operations of nature and providence are in question. We "go mourning without the sun," and how powerless we are to sweep away the clouds that hide him! The combined exertions of all the hundreds of millions of the earth's inhabitants would no more avail to clear the skies than the breath of a little child.

The great atmospheric forces and phenomena are as much beyond man's control to-day as in the infancy of the world and there seems no likelihood that they will ever come within it. We can foretell the comet's appearance in the heavens, we can compute its distance and calculate its velocity, but we cannot brush aside the cloud that hides it from our view. We can telegraph our words to the ends of the earth in a few seconds of time, but who can divert the current of cold air which stunts our shrubs and our bodies? We can make fire and water do our work with marvellous speed and power, but we are unable to stop the slightest shower which falls from the clouds, to prevent the dew from falling or the mist from rising over one small acre.

These simple, essential conditions of existence and happiness are wholly beyond the beck and call of all the knowledge at man's disposal and the fact reminds us whole-somely of our entire dependence upon God. It would help us little to tell us that we cannot by taking thought control the course of nature could we not be assured, at the same time that our lives are never beyond the grasp of His loving kindness, and the powers of nature remain within His full control. We concern ourselves much nowadays with the operation of physical laws and secondary causes, but laws imply a law-giver, second causes presuppose a first, and in the last analysis the course of nature is seen to be a part of the order of Providence. "I am the Lord," says our Creator, "and beside me there is none other: I form light and create darkness. I clothe the heavens with blackness and make sackcloth their covering," he says, lest we should forget the Great Mover in all the phenomena of the outward world even when these are fear-inspiring. Also, lest we should lose sight of the loving hand whence come all our blessings, Jesus points us to the Heavenly Father and says, "He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust," and this is better far than the cold philosophy which

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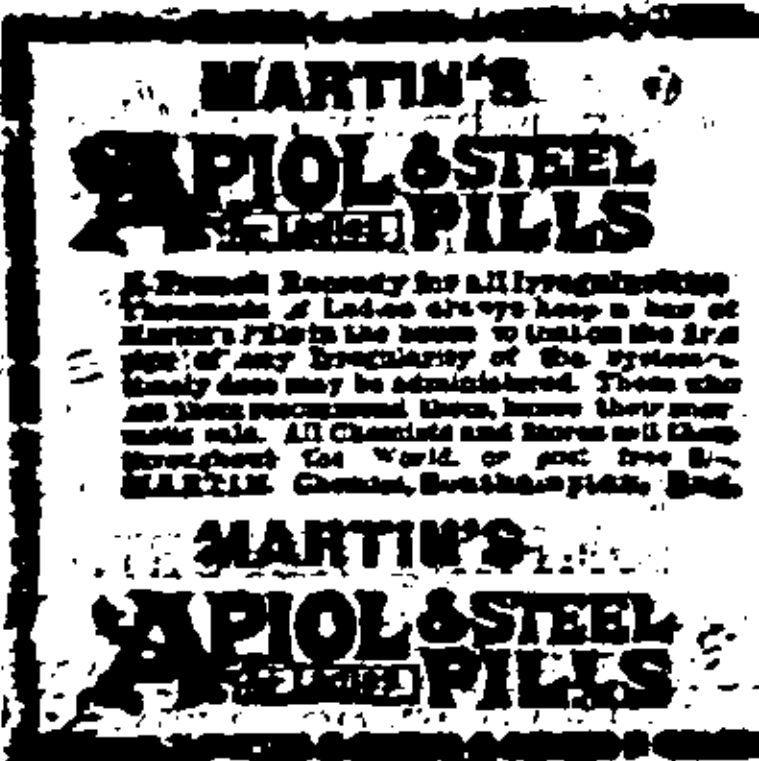
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concerns itself solely with the visible causes of the changes which take place in the world.

Another thing to be remembered, and too easily forgotten when things are not to our mind, is that after all sunshine in its season is the rule and the lack of it the exception. "I go mourning without the sun"—only one who had been used to walking joyfully in the light would utter such a lament. And all our complaints about the damp and discomfort of the gloomy season is really an admission that in the goodness of God we usually have something very different. Why else indeed all the surprise, the disappointment, the searching of memories and examination of records to see how long it is since we had such a year as this? But if our season has been sunless it is certainly not because the sun has failed to shine as usual. His rays have not been stopped at the fountain, only "earth-born clouds" have hidden him from our eyes. The vapours which cut off his cheering beams come not from above, but from underneath. Similarly God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. He changes not, but always directs the light of His countenance toward His intelligent creatures. And if the souls of men are unilluminated the cause must be found elsewhere than in God, whose goodness is as constantly, as widely, and as impartially diffused as the rays of the great orb which rules the day. A sunless season is bad enough in its way, but infinitely sadder is a sunless soul. The clouds are from ourselves, "earth born" every one of them, emanations from our own sinful natures. This, said our Saviour, is the condemnation, not that there is darkness in the world, but that light is come into it and men love the darkness better because their deeds are evil. None so blind as those who will not see, and none so darkened as those who will not look, but cover themselves with the veiling vapours of unbelief.

Let us hear the strong and gracious word of the gospel to all who will receive it into an honest heart:—"I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions, and as a cloud thy sins." Let the obscuring mists be swept away, and at length "with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord" we shall become "changed from glory into glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

Then further let us see that we maintain sunshine in our souls. You cannot make a dark day bright nor a wet season dry, but though you are unable to control the world without you have power over the world within and there is no need for sadness and there is no need for fear.

He that followeth me, says our Saviour, shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life, and He is the Sun of Righteousness, risen with healing upon the hearts of those who fear His name. They are meant also to be a light in the world, centres in their degree of radiance and illumination. Seek then to have the sunshine of a cheerful soul. Why keep the springs of gladness sealed up within our hearts? Why let ourselves be moody, doubtful, melancholy, so that whoever approaches us will find himself in a winter of discontent? There are too many peevish-tempered people who seem to feed on gall, like nothing so much as the cuttlefish, which squirts black ink around it staining the white foam and the blue wave. Nothing could be more detrimental to Christian influence. But how blessedly different is a cheerful Christian heart, whose light shines not only before men but upon them! Cultivate such a spirit; it is cultivatable. And if your own sky be darkened for the time see that it does not overshadow others and remember that behind a frowning Providence there hides a smiling Face.

Lastly let us learn to cast our thoughts and fix our hopes beyond this world at its best and brightest. In Emmanuel's land there are no sunless seasons:—"There everlasting spring abides." And there are found none who go mourning without the sun, for the Lord God shall wipe away tears from all faces.

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S. BAKER,
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GENERAL NEWS.

THE BRUSSELS ART TREASURES.

Addressing the Royal Historical Society recently, Mr. G. W. Ormond stated that he had had a conversation with the Keeper of the National Art Gallery at Brussels, and was informed that during the German occupation the art treasures were not touched and were now perfectly safe. (Hear, hear.) There was not precise information as to the archives at the Belgian Foreign Office, but it was feared that they would be found in a dreadful state. Some were found there scattered about among empty wine bottles. The city archives were all intact.

GERMAN'S COOL REQUEST.
There was posted on the notice board of the Baltic and Shipping Exchange in London recently an impudent cable which has been sent by a Hamburg firm to the well-known firm of Messrs. Shipton, Anderson and Co., of Leadenhall-street. The German firm invites the London firm to resume business, especially in grain or rice, all shipments to be secured as to payment by bankers' guarantees. It was this same German firm which in January 1917 published an article in a Hamburg newspaper strongly advocating the U-boat warfare, and that it should be carried on ruthlessly against English shipping.

ANOTHER BANKING MERGER.
Preliminary arrangements have been completed by the directors for the amalgamation of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Banking Company with the London County Westminster and Parr's Bank, Ltd.

"BISHOPS A CURE."

Sir A. Conan Doyle, at a meeting of the Divorce Law Reform Association at Caxton Hall recently said that Lord Buckmaster's Bill was a bad one in every way. "Bishops," he continued, "may be estimable gentlemen personally, but politically and collectively they are a curse to the country. They have no place in politics. They ought to go back to the Church to which they belong. We in this country are more priest-ridden not only than in any Protestant country in the world, but far more than in any Catholic country." He moved a resolution which stated that no scheme of reconstruction would be complete which did not include an immediate reform in divorce and marriage laws. This was carried with only four or five dissentients.



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MARRIAGE.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1919.

LABOUR AWAKES.

If there is one fact which the War and the Armistice has thrown into prominence it is that in the future scheme of things Labour—the toiling masses of workers of whom we think when we use that term—will play a far bigger and more responsible part than ever before. Those who are wont to turn up their noses and scoff, with an air of assumed superiority, when "the People" are mentioned, had better quickly reconcile themselves to the point that the balance of power is gradually, may be even quickly, to be shifted from the Classes to the People. We may not all of us like the prospect, but the development is as certain as anything can be. We may be told that the result of the recent General Election at Home scarcely warrants such a prediction. The reply to that argument is that the Election was sprung upon the people and that there was a violent very natural feeling that the Coalition which had won the war should be entrusted with the task of making peace. Besides we have as yet no reliable information as to what percentage of the troops were able to vote. In any event, that Election cannot be considered as the Election; this latter will quickly come when the peace-making is finished, if not before. As matters are, the Labourites have doubled their Parliamentary representation as the result of the last Election. At the next they may even win their way to power. There is nothing impossible about this. Let us calmly wait and see.

If we have the honesty and common sense to admit facts, and at the same time to free ourselves from snobishness, we shall all readily admit that the workers in the past have not been fairly treated. There has been far too big a gap between them and the classes. They have not had the same opportunities. Life for many of them has been indistinguishable from an existence of monotonous drudgery. That has not applied to all, admittedly but the statement is too true in its general application. There has been something wrong with a social system which has worked out like that in practice. In pre-war times the workers, the producers, shared too little in the fruits of their labour. Well, the war has given these men, who before it were gradually awakening to their power and indispensability, a glimpse of their rights, and no sane observer of the trend of events would dispute the assertion that the masses are now determined to secure juster treatment in the future. So far as the British workers go, we have faith in them to the extent that there will be no overstepping of constitutional bounds unless they are met with obstruction from other quarters. The very sensible stand taken by a crowded meeting of Clydeside workers in denouncing the strikes, and the movement for taking the control of Trades Unions out of the hands of extremists, are good examples of the sensible outlook which the British Labourite generally has. Nobody, the workers least of all, want to see re-enacted in Britain what has transpired in Russia, where the dictatorship of autocracy has been replaced by the tyranny of Bolshevism. That is an abuse of power. What we may see in Britain in the future is a real popular government "of the people, by the people, for the people." The next Election will most likely bring us near the ideal here expressed.

Hitherto, the Labourites of the Western world have largely secured their aims by working in watertight compartments determined by the divisions of nationality. That is being changed also. A great International Labour Conference is now gathering in Switzerland, and we do not doubt that its decisions will be comparable in importance to those of the Paris Conferences. The workers of the world are realising that unity is strength. They are consolidating the position which they have won through the war. If they are not animated by a spirit of revenge, if they truly seek to bring a greater measure of happiness to the masses everywhere, and if they are prepared to shoulder responsibilities as well as to share privileges, we need have no fears for the future. There is enough, in the world for all. A fair distribution would mean that none would starve and none be idle. If the masses and their leaders keep their heads now, in an era of greater and more widely diffused happiness and contentment should be born. But a false step will lead to the most terrible confusion and chaos, leaving the world with a pitiable legacy from a struggle which should have purified mankind.

OTES AND COMMENTS.

FUTURE ARMIES.

We have heard a good deal about the abolition of Conscription in Europe. Whether the Continental nations will take on voluntarism, we know not, but so far as Britain is concerned we have recently had more than one official announcement indicating that the policy in view is the creation of a voluntary and not a conscripted Army. That is quite in accord with British sentiment and tradition, for what was necessary in a moment of extreme gravity is not warranted in normal times, and Conscription has never been popular with Britons. From America, however, comes a Republican proposal for compulsory military service for one year in the case of men between the ages of 19 and 26 years. Whether there is any hope of such a suggestion being carried into effect, time will tell; we should think the scheme totally at variance with American ideals. Though great hopes are centred in the League of Nations, those countries that are wise will realise the desirability of having at any rate partially trained men available for emergencies; but we cannot help thinking that the Swiss system, which is far less rigorous than this American proposal, would better suit the needs and the ideals of the future. The Allies are supposed to have fought this war to kill Militarism. Is America to become more, and not less, militaristic than before the war?

MOTOR CAR ACCIDENTS.

Yesterday we reported three cases of people being knocked down by motor cars, during the holidays. We suppose it is in the nature of things that there should be accidents during periods of celebration, whether it be Chinese New Year or Christmas Day, but it does not follow that motor cars should be allowed to rush about the Colony with cargoes of joy riders without let or hindrance, and with an absolute disregard to public safety. This proceeding is not confined to holiday-time, neither are the Chinese the sole offenders and it is time the Police took the matter seriously in hand and strictly enforced the regulations. Since Kennedy Road has been opened to motor traffic it has been used as a sort of race track by all and sundry. The road is hardly wide enough for two cars to pass, yet the drivers often amuse themselves by seeing how close they can go to another car, without touching, and perform other feats of "derring do" to the great amusement of chair coolies, lukongs and the like. There are also motorcyclists who proceed up Garden Road, at tiffin time, and in the evenings. They open their throttles and "cut-outs" and take the hill at a rush, utterly regardless of the safety of foot passengers, who, when compelled to make a dash for the side of the road, only have the satisfaction of seeing the motorist proceeding on his way with a leer on his face that can only be compared to the poster of the Hun which is exhibited in local shop windows. It appears that we shall have to wait until a foreign child is knocked down and severely injured or killed before the authorities will wake up to the fact that the law must be enforced.

THE ONLY WAY.

The statement made the other day by the President of the Northern Russian Government will be read with interest. He declared that the League of Nations cannot be realised without Russia, and that the Allies must find at once an organic solution of the problem. There must be no hesitation, no half-measures. The recent Prinkipo proposal, however well-intentioned, is simply playing into the hands of the Bolsheviki, as it more or less gives them a political standing. There can be no negotiations at all with a party such as this. As M. Tshaykovsky says there is only one solution of the problem and that is the complete abdication of the Bolsheviki. It is useless to think that they will do this of their own free will, so the only thing to be done is to enforce the will of the Allies and the Russian Governments. This can only be done by force of arms, so it is the immediate duty of the Allies, in order to ensure the smooth working of the Peace Conference and establishment of a League of Nations, to send forces to Russia sufficient to stamp out for ever this menace which threatens the peace of Europe.

DAY BY DAY.

NO-ONE WAS EVER YET BEEN MADE UTTERLY MISERABLE EXCEPTING BY HIMSELF.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens (1812). He died on June 9, 1870.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 2-11 163.

According to a Gazette extraordinary Saigon is declared a place at which an infectious or contagious disease prevails.

Rain fell on eleven days during January, according to the Botanical Garden return. The total fall was, however, only 85-inch.

The Wigwam Tennis Club is to be at Home on Saturday next on the occasion of the playing of the finals in the recent tournament, and the distribution of prizes by Madame Knott in connection therewith. Members and friends are cordially invited.

We are asked to state that, owing to the Engineers practice dance taking place on the 7th February, the Annual General Meeting of the St. George's Society will take place at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday next, 11th inst., in the City Hall.

For the week ended January 31 there were two cases of bubonic plague (Chinese) resulting in death; two cases of enteric fever, (one British and one Chinese) non-fatal, two cases of small pox (Chinese) one fatal, and three non-fatal Chinese cases of cerebro spinal fever. For the last twenty-four hours a clean bill of health is returned.

A Portuguese woman, named Amelia d'Almada, preferred a day at Hongkong to Macao, where she was banished to by the Hongkong Government in June, 1917. She heard that Hongkong was having a spell of bright concerts and dramatic entertainments, so she decided to take a change to this Isle. Unfortunately, she arrived here when the Howitt Phillips and the "Fanny Fair," Companies had left us, and what is sadder still, before the expiring of her banishment, which was for a period of ten years. She has now to go back to Macao, which the Hongkong Government considers a proper Paradise for her.

To call upon an acquaintance or an ex-employer without a previous engagement is tantamount to trespassing. A Chinese merchant living at 106, Third Street, was visited yesterday morning at 5 o'clock by a dismissed fook of his. He was seized and charged with attempted felony. When brought up this morning before Mr. J. R. Wood he pleaded guilty to entering the house without the permission of the principal tenant and was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour. Discharged clerks see that you do not go anywhere near your ex-employer's dwelling or else you may experience the same fate.

Speaking to knowing a man several years ago will not save any defendant in a Court of Law. The witness must bring the period of his acquaintance with the defendant up to the time of the latter's arrest. In a case where some doubt arises as to the commission of a crime, if the defendant produces a witness who can swear to the former leading an upright and righteous life, never slandering his neighbours, nor casting evil eyes on his neighbour's property nor breaking any of the Ten Commandments, he can secure his discharge. Very seldom such witnesses succeed in establishing a defendant's good conduct in the eyes of the law. It is so extremely difficult. A man may appear the greatest saint outside, but he may be the greatest criminal to his family. Therefore, it was not surprising to find that a Celestial, who was accused of stealing three panes of glass, failed to have his innocence proved by requisitioning his friends to speak to his bearing a clean character. He was fined by Mr. Wood \$5 and given the option of spending a week in the old institution.

MODERN MODES.



DAINTY DRESS OF SATIN AND NIXON TRIMMED WITH MONKEY FUR.

It is in the dresses for day time that one is able to decry most of the points of newness that make a design distinctly of this day. There is no longer any novelty about the narrow skirt. At the same time the newest and best looking frocks, all have this one feature in common, though they depend on other points for their chief distinction and charm. What differentiates the chemise frock of to-day from that of yesterday is its scantiness—it is not unlike an elongated middie-blouse almost fitting at the hip line and straight below. There was a good deal of trimness—almost severity—in the cut of one such dress which was of Algerian red velours. It was worn under a straight and box-like little coat of seal fur, open at the front to show the black satin vest. The material of the vest was drawn very closely across the figure. About half of the skirt was covered with wool embroidery.

There is a great diversity among dancing dresses. And their simplicity, such as it is, is limited almost exclusively to their cut and not to the lovely stuffs from which they are made.

Black velvet, black satin, gold tissue, and gold thread embroideries make up one. The dress is of gold tissue the black making straight panels down the front and back, edged with bands of gold embroidery. There are no sleeves, and the square-cut bodice is held on by bands of embroidery over the shoulders. A scarf of tulle or tissue finishes around the neck, as in so many costumes, and flutters away down the back.

More delicate in colouring is an orchid taffeta with silver-thread-embroidered tissue. The little draped over-bodice and the full, draped overskirt are of

taffeta in one piece. Pleated taffeta on the underskirt of tissue also gives the necessary fullness for dancing. The neck is V-ed in front and back, and there are long tissue sleeves.

Many sports coats are seen of cloth and duvetyne and similar materials. One of fine polo cloth in natural wool colour has a scarf of the same, either cut in one piece with it or attached, and muffles high about the neck. The kimono-like sleeves are wide. It fastens down the front with a wide plait, and is lined throughout with ecru crepe de chine.

Very useful is a sleeveless jacket of soft duvetyne, fitted out with wool-embroidered bands. Two of these bands are used around the lower part of jacket, and another decorates the scarf, which in this case is attached.

Designers do not restrict themselves to one material for coats or complete costumes nor is fur always made use of for trimming purposes, though ranking first for elegance. Thus, one coat forming part of a costume is a combination of a straight cut top in deep green velvet, reaching a little below the waist, to which is joined a closely kilted basque in cloth to match, covering a little more than half of a plain skirt of the same while the trimming consists of loops of ribbon edging the velvet top and its collar and cuffs.

Among the more fanciful arrangements may be noted a black velvet costume, the half length coat of which is held in by a broad belt composed of alternate rows of inch wide black and white silk braid, over a white sport satin waistcoat surmounted by a high round velvet collar, the top of which is bound with two-inch wide white braid, the same being used in short lengths to compose a ladder arrangement on each side of the skirt above the hem.

THE BRITISH IN GERMANY.

INTERESTING LETTER TO HONGKONG.

Below we give an extract from a letter just received by Mrs. Charles Miller, of Canton Villas, Kowloon, from her brother, Capt. Basil Denning, R.E., M.C., written on December 3 from a place near the German frontier. Capt. Denning, who is only 23, has been with the B.E.F. since the first year of the war and is now attached to the Headquarters Staff. He was wounded during the early part of the war and was awarded the Military Cross. In his letter he says—

"We fought a wonderful series of successful fights in September and October, taking masses of prisoners and guns, one Corps doing as well as any in France, culminating in a big victory on Nov. 4th which drove the enemy

back in headlong retreat. As all the world knows, on Nov. 11th the enemy made peace to all intents and purposes. We got no respite then, though our hearts were rejoiced. We were selected amongst the few to follow the Germans into Germany. For us of the staff, the continual advance which has taken place ever since has meant busy weeks. But it has been just great. The country we have crossed in Belgium, is some of the loveliest in Europe. I have had to get about a great deal in a car and have seen a lot. The Meuse near Dinant and Namur is too perfect for description. As you see, we are now allowed to say where we are. Two of us have been sent on here to spy out the land and were to-day among the first British Troops to enter Germany. By Jove, we felt proud. The population received us partly in a friendly, partly in a cold manner. My German is at last invaluable. We are allowing the Germans small

THE COMING RACES.

TRAINING NOTES.

Nothing worthy of note was disclosed in the gallops this morning. All the work was done on the inside (sand) course and times were comparatively slow owing to the heavy state of the course. The following times were taken—

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Limelight. One mile—37; 1.10; 1.42 3/5; 2.17 1/5.
Firelight. One mile—37; 1.10; 1.42 3/5; 2.14.
Wildom. One mile and a quarter. Last mile—34 1/5; 1.11; 1.45; 2.19.
Meymoon. 49 4/5; 1.34 4/5; 2.14; 2.53 2/5; 3.34; 4.4 1/5.
Albion Dahlia. One mile and a half—38; 1.16; 1.53 1/5; 2.32; 3.9; 3.41 1/5.
Valley King. One mile—36 3/5; 1.13; 1.46 3/5; 2.19.
Olympic Dahlia. One mile and a half. Last one mile and a quarter—37; 1.14; 1.51; 2.27; 3.00.
Diadem Dahlia. Three quarters of a mile. Last half mile—36 3/5; 1.9.
Footlight. One mile—40; 1.15; 1.49 4/5; 2.22.
American Chief. One mile—33 3/5; 1.12; 1.43; 2.20 2/5.
Mountain King. One mile—37 2/5; 1.12 2/5; 2.46 4/5; 1.18 1/5.
Vesuvius Dahlia. One mile and a half—40; 1.17 2/5; 1.50 4/5; 2.29 4/5; 3.7 2/5; 3.40 1/5.

OLD POSTIES.

Dun Duke. One mile—39; 1.17; 1.52 2/5; 2.25.
Triumph. One mile—33 2/5; 1.12 2/5; 1.49; 2.20.
Tyram Chief. One mile. Last three quarters—35 2/5; 1.10; 1.43.
Snuff Box and Bend Or. One mile. Last three quarters—38; 1.11; 1.33 4/5.
Rochester. One mile and three quarters. Last mile and a quarter—1.15; —; 2.29; 3.1 2/5.
Attraction Dahlia. One mile and a half—39 1/5; 1.13 2/5; 2.29 2/5; 3.6; 3.38 1/5.
Night Hawk. One mile. Last three quarters—38; 1.14; 1.45.
Burning Daylight. One mile and a quarter. Last mile—36 1/5; 1.12 2/5; 1.46 2/5; 2.18.
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THE CAMP DOG.

The National Canine Defence League calls attention to the large number of dogs congregated in the vicinity of training camps, which are now breaking up, and has issued an appeal to commanding officers to see that these dogs are either destroyed or placed in good hands. It is feared that if the dogs run wild there will be much sheep-worrying, and the dogs may also suffer from hunger and neglect.

mercy as far as their inconvenience is concerned after the way they have treated Belgium for four years. In Dinant alone they murdered 800 civilians, including 65 women and 14 children. I have talked to a number of the relatives myself, poor things, and never will I forget it. I haven't the slightest compunction in turning the richest Germans out of their snug homes. It is particularly sweet to me to be able to tell some of these friends of mine like, 'God bless the British, they power and kindness in the war, Germany before the war, notably early in 1914.'

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SANITARY BOARD MEETING.

BETTER SCAVENGING
SYSTEM REQUIRED.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday at the Board's offices. Present: Mr. A. Gibson (in the chair), Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Mr. Chan Kai Ming, Hon. E. K. Hallifax O.B.E., Dr. Ozorio, Lt. Col. Crisp, Hon. Mr. W. Chatham C.M.G., Mr. S. W. Tao, Mrs. Hickling M.O.H. and Mrs. Danby (Secretary).

A letter was received from the Government relative to the appointment of Mr. John Reynolds to be a Temporary Sanitary Inspector. The Chairman said that Inspector Reynolds was at present engaged in Kowloon under Dr. Smalley.

THE POULTRY MARKET.
In the absence of Mr. Alabaster Mr. Bowley put the following question:

"In order to enable the Board to consider the reasonableness or otherwise of the attitude taken up by the poultry dealers, will the President obtain and lay before the Board any plans which may have been prepared with reference to the proposed poultry market?"

The Chairman: I have to say that the plan which has been tentatively prepared is laid on the table as requested. It will be circulated later if members wish it.

NEW SCAVENGING SYSTEM.
Pursuant to notice Dr. Ozorio moved: "That a Sub-committee be appointed to consider the question of scavenging and the disposal of the Refuse of the Colony."

In bringing this motion before the Board he said he thought the members would agree with him that the present system of disposal of refuse was a most antiquated one. He asked them to go over the system with him from the beginning where the refuse was collected in the households until the time it was

thrown into the sea. People in the houses put the refuse into most insanitary dust bins generally uncovered, and the refuse served only the purpose of feeding rats, in the words of a past Medical Officer of Health one of the chief causes of the great mortality of the Colony. He was referring to Dr. Clarke. The other and more primitive way was for people to throw the refuse into the streets. This question had been brought up in the Board many times and the answer of several Presidents was that the Board had no power to fine tenants or householders in houses from which refuse was thrown into the streets. One point which the sub-committee would have to go into was to make the chief tenant of the house responsible for rubbish thrown into the streets. In the next stage of the system the servants of the Department whose duty it was to

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take the refuse away in dust carts did so in a very perfunctory sort of way. Members could see without difficulty how they did their work. They threw the dust bins about, allowing the dust to blow about the streets according to the direction of the wind. Then the carts were supposed to be covered with tarpaulin, but they were not covered at all. They ran about everywhere scattering dust and distributing microbes to lodge in the throats of passers by. When they reached the sanitary depots they were allowed to stand again exposing the public to infection. The sub-committee would find a lot of work in trying to arrange the matter properly and to ensure this end he suggested the appointment on the committee of the Medical Officer of Health and some of the medical members of the Board. He thought also that the Director of Public Works should be included.

Hon. Mr. Chatham: No, I thank you, I would rather not.

Dr. Ozorio: Because it is a question involving increased expenditure in his Department. We shall certainly need motor lorries and incinerators to burn the refuse instead of having it thrown into the refuse depots in the very heart of the Colony.

Mr. Bowley seconding the motion, said that in doing so he did not wish to condemn the present system root and branch. No system was ever devised which was not capable of improvement and he knew that the present system was the outcome of a great deal of very laborious attention and a great amount of thought was given to it by different Heads of the Department. They had discussed the matter over and over again without arriving at any very satisfactory conclusion. Proper scavenging in this sub-tropical climate was of the most importance to public health and if the sub-committee could arrive at any improvement it would certainly be a good thing. The present position of the refuse depots in Central and at Praya East and West was certainly unsuitable and unpleasant and if by using motor traction they could take the refuse away to the two ends of the city it would be a great improvement. If they ever persuaded the Government to spend the necessary several lakhs of dollars in constructing refuse destructors it would be a still greater improvement in the disposal of the refuse. The face of the harbour and the surrounding waters was disfigured and made very unpleasant by floating refuse which very often came back instead of going away to Gap Rock as it was supposed to. He therefore supported the proposal.

The Chairman thought they were all very much in sympathy with the object of the motion, improvement of the scavenging of the city. Personally he would like to see it improved, but as Mr. Bowley said it was largely a question of the dollar and whether the improvement would be equal to the dollar might be a matter for different opinion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman, Dr. Ozorio and S. W. Tao were appointed to form the sub-committee.

INFLUENZA AND CATARRH.

A memorandum on the subject of epidemic catarrhs and influenza, sent from London, was tabled.



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NURSE CAVELL.

A service solemnised at the grave of Nurse Cavell in the National Shooting Range, at which the British chaplain, the Rev. L. Gahan, who was with Nurse Cavell during her last hours, officiated, was attended by a large number of people, amongst whom were the following: The British Minister, Sir Francis Villiers and Lady Villiers, General Lyon, Military Attache, and members of the Legation; the Earl of Athlone, head of the British Military Mission with the Belgian Army; and the Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs and other members of the Diplomatic Body. Two wreaths were laid on the grave, one from their Majesties King George and Queen Mary, and the other from a British Colony.

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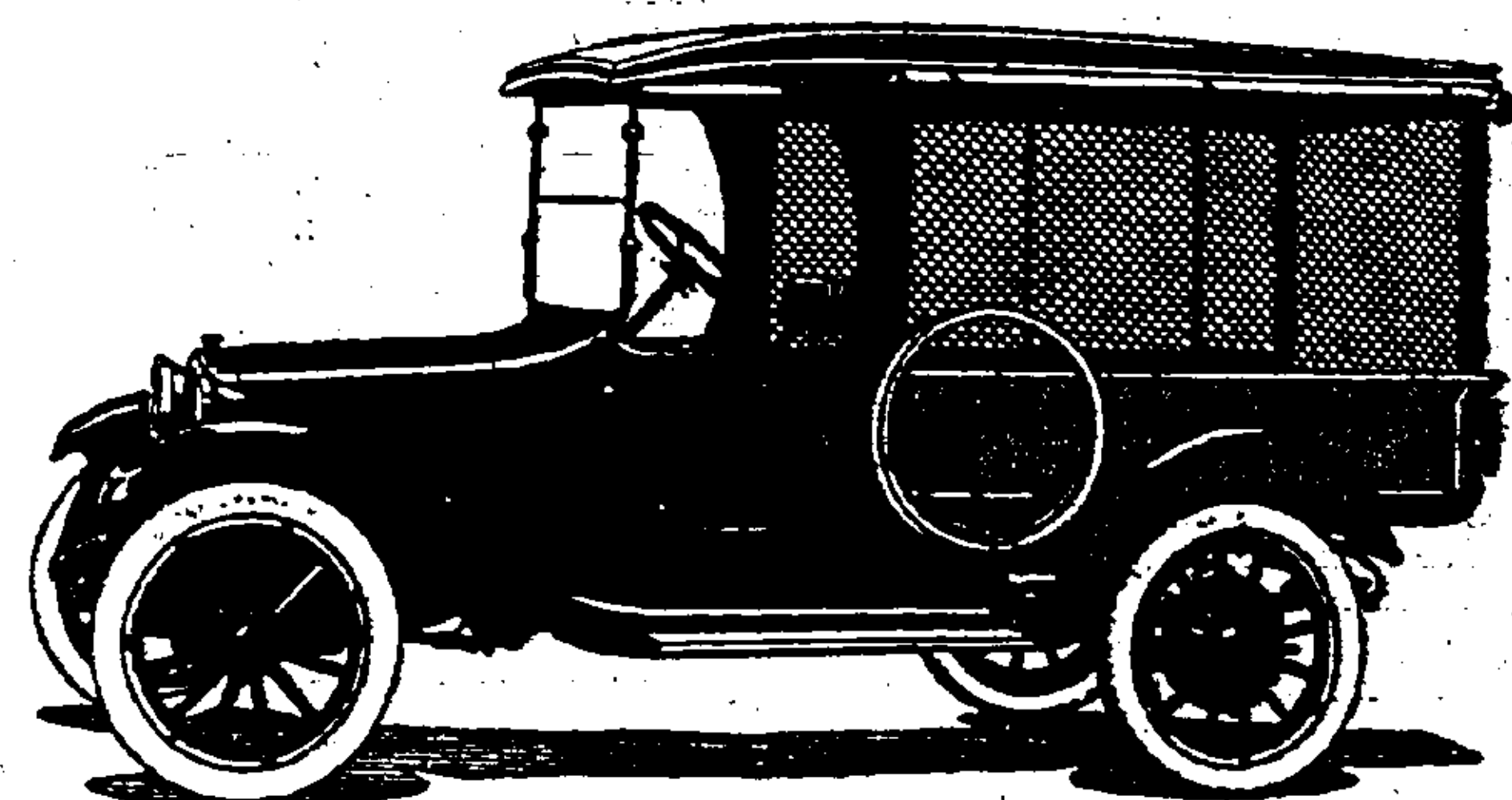
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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Peking, Jan. 25.

China is much concerned over the fact that her delegation at the Peace Conference is to be limited to two. She considers that her importance and services rendered entitle her to another seat and her Envoy has been instructed to claim for three places. To others it is a small matter, but it looms largely in the Chinese official mind here. C. T. Wang's message from Paris urging the reunion of the nation is very opportune, but Canton doesn't seem to like it, for it has appointed Dr. Sun Yat-sen and Dr. Wu Ting-fang as special Southern representatives to the Peace Conference. Yang Shao-yi would like to go also. Surely he ought to find enough in Shanghai helping to a peaceful settlement.

Last week-end Peking notes stood at 72. To-day they are 67. This decline is believed to be only temporary, for if the notes are being cut as they return to the banks, preparatory to total destruction, their value must be enhanced. The Governor of the Bank of China, in an interview with the President, declared that he would have no difficulty in raising them to 80 and beyond. May it be so. Fourteen money-changers have been fined this week for keeping down the price of these notes.

Enemy aliens in China know their fate now. Their property is to be sequestrated by February 1 and they are to be repatriated on March 1. ~~Those~~ setting in operation the required machinery for these purposes were issued today. In this matter, the Chinese have moved with unwonted celerity and are to be congratulated accordingly. But it is disappointing to learn that in Tientsin the Germans have already disposed of their property to Japanese! Surely the enemy trading regulations of Japan can be invoked to invalidate such transactions?

The black list published by the P. & T. Times of stores, mainly Japanese, in North China where morphia and cocaine have been purchased on recent specified dates continues to grow, proving conclusively that this unholy traffic is conducted extensively by Japanese in spite of official pronouncements which seek to suggest that it would be stopped immediately information was supplied. What is more extraordinary is the fact that the Japanese authorities have not apparently taken steps to restrain their nationals from continuing these sales in this period of fierce publicity.

Chinese pressmen are anxious to have an International Press Association formed in the capital, and their foreign conferees are by no means unresponsive. The only difficulty is to secure a combination of interests which will be non-political, and non-partisan. This may result yet. At any rate efforts are being exercised in that direction. Chinese journalists entertained the foreign correspondents to dinner last Saturday and a beginning was made by the formation of a foreign and

HOME FOOTBALL.

The latest Home football results to hand are:

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Heart of Mid.	2	Clydebank	1
Rangers	5	Hibernians	1
Motherwell	3	Celtic	1
Airdrieonians	1	Falkirk	1
Morton	3	Partick Thistle	0
Kilmarnock	5	Hamilton A.C.	0
Third Lanark	1	Queen's Park	3
Clyde	1	St. Mirren	1
Dumbarton	0	Air. United	0

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

Blackpool	1	Everton	3
Burnley	2	Manches. City	1
Bury	2	Rochdale	1
Liverpool	5	Oldham Ath.	1
Manchester U.	1	Bolton Wander.	0
Southport V.	4	Port Vale	0
Stockport Co.	1	Blackburn R.	0
Stoke	5	Preston N.E.	0

MIDLAND LEAGUE.

Barnsley	2	Birmingham	1
Bradford	5	Grimsby Town	0
Coventry City	1	Rotherham C.	1
Hull City	5	Lincoln City	1
Leeds City	1	Shef. Wednesday	0
Leicester F.	3	Notts County	0
Notts Forest	1	Huddersfield	0
Sheff. Utd.	1	Bradford City	2

LONDON COMBINATION.

Brentford	5	Q.P. Rangers	1
Clapton Or.	0	Chelsea	5
Fulham	0	Millwall	1
Tottenham H.	1	Arsenal	0
West Ham Utd.	2	Crystal Pal.	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Goals
Rangers	15	12	1	2	36
Morton	15	8	1	7	34
Kilmarnock	17	9	4	4	39
Celtic	14	9	2	3	26
Partick Thistle	15	3	4	8	25
Clydebank	15	6	3	6	31
Motherwell	15	5	3	8	18
Clyde	15	6	4	5	24
Heart of Mid.	16	7	6	3	26
Ayr United	17	6	8	3	31
Airdrieonians	16	3	6	7	22
Third Lanark	16	4	7	5	30
Hamilton Academ.	5	3	3	2	33
Queen's Park	14	5	7	2	25
St. Mirren	15	3	6	6	18
Dumbarton	14	2	8	4	13
Falkirk	17	3	12	2	24
Hibernians	16	2	13	1	24

Chinese Committee, whose deliberations will be submitted to a general meeting this afternoon.

Entertainments have been unusually numerous during the past fortnight. Two days ago the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs entertained the diplomats to dinner at the new Waichaiou. To-night foreign advisers, foreign bankers, foreign correspondents and a few of the leading members of the foreign community will be the guests of His Excellency Chen Lu at the Foreign Office.

The annual meeting of the Anglo-American Association was called for Thursday afternoon, but the Russian Red Cross concert with its appeal drew away numbers who might have been expected to have attended the meeting.

Though the delayed first redemption of the Fourth Year Domestic Loan is to take place on Monday, yet these bonds are quoted at 65, which probably represents an appreciation in view of amortisation, for the third year domestic loan bonds stand at 60.

WINGARNIS
THE WINE OF LIFE

SPORTING NOTES.

There is a balance of £220 at the credit of the Dick Burge Memorial Fund.

The charges of the late Lord Kitchener were named Democrat, and his distinguished career on the staff.

It is suggested that the qualification in English country cricket in future should be birth and not residence.

Lord Hawke is against all fantastic schemes regarding cricket reconstruction. He is strongly opposed to any interference with the leg-before-wicket rule.

The chairman of Essex County Cricket Club thinks 1919 should be regarded entirely in the light of an experimental and reconstructive season.

Presiding at the annual meeting of the Hampshire County Cricket Club, Dr. Russell Bencraft said he hoped that in the future no man would live for sport alone, as he had done in the past in cricket and football. There should be no such thing as a man leading about for the best part of the year doing nothing at all. The war had proved that everybody ought to work.

At a special general meeting of the London Combination it was decided to run a Victory Cup competition, in which all ten clubs will compete, the first round to be completed before January 31. The trophy will be the absolute property of the winners, and special medals will be awarded to the players participating in the final. The whole of the proceeds are to be pooled, and a certain percentage allocated to churches. It was decided, subject to sanction by the Football Association, to pay players £1 per week as from December 1.

In connection with the British Empire and American Services boxing tournament, Commander C. C. Walcott, R.N., said the object of the Committee in charge was, in the words of the King, "sport for sport's sake." At the forthcoming boxing tournament champions from all parts of the world would be seen in the ring fighting for a small medalion. The Committee hoped to show the British public what could be done by disinterested management and control. The King, he added, had promised to be present at the Albert Hall on December 12 to present the prizes. It was announced that the English Army team would include Bombardier Wells, "Dick Smith," and Jimmy Wilde.

Two well-known sporting families connected with the Edinburgh Academy are to be linked together by marriage shortly—the Crabbies and the Sloans. W. M. Crabbie, a Scottish athletic internationalist, and a younger brother of two Scottish Rugby men, is to be married to a sister of A. T. Sloan, the Scottish Rugby half-back. Both W. M. Crabbie and A. T. Sloan have recently returned from Germany, where they were prisoners. In referring to this, a London sporting paper points out that Sloan played first in an international match 13 years ago, and that he is not likely to play any more Rugby. There is something wrong here. Thirteen years ago A. T. Sloan was only 13 years of age, and hardly ripe for meeting avalanches of Welsh forwards, which he did so pluckily in 1914 at Cardiff in the only international match he ever took part in. It was Tennant Sloan of Glasgow Academicals who began his international career against the New Zealanders in 1905.

WINGARNIS
THE WINE OF LIFE

OUR MANILA LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Manila, Jan. 24.

Justice Geo. A. Malcolm, of the Supreme Court, in an address at the opening session of the Convention of the Philippine Bar Association, suggested the possibility of organizing an Oriental Bar Association in which lawyers of China, Japan and the Philippines, can unite for mutual advantage. Prominent among the guests at the Convention is Justice Wenfu Yiko Hu, of the Supreme Court of China; Ichiji Wada, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Formosa; Tadasi Tanino, also a Formosan Justice; Dr. R. Masujima and T. Hanaoka, representatives of the Japanese Bar Association; and Douglas M. Moffat, of the New York Bar Association, representative of the Alien Property Custodian in the Philippines.

Advice to the Philippine National bank from New York indicate that the United States government may come to the aid of Manila hemp dealers who have stood to lose heavily as the result of the freakish market for fibre. There is every reason to believe, the cable says, that the Government will take over all stocks of Manila hemp now stored in the United States, using for the purpose a part of a \$100,000,000 fund provided for the relief of commercial houses that find themselves in a distressed condition on account of the uncertainty incident to the transition from war to peace times. While local hemp men could not expect to receive much profit in such a transaction, it would at least prevent them from accepting a loss which they faced because of the slow demand for fibre in the American market. Large cordage concerns, it is said, have large stocks on hand or contracted for, and are not buying in the open market.

The new Philippine Government pier, preliminary sketches and plans of which have been completed by the Bureau of Public Works, will be 750 feet long by 210 feet wide, a size which will allow four ships of the size of the Empress liners to tie up simultaneously. Engineers in charge of the structure state that it will be the finest pier west of San Francisco and that there is a chance of having it completed within a year. It will be built entirely of reinforced concrete and will be equipped with two huge travelling cranes, mounted on rails, which will enable the discharging of cargo at twice the ordinary rate of speed. The area of floor space enclosed between walls and under roof will be 110,000, almost twice the space available on Pier 5.

Mr. Edward P. Thompson, former Manila, who installed the first coconut oil mills in the Philippines, was here recently on his way to India, where he is under contract to install six mills for the British-Indian Government representing an investment of 5,000,000 sterling. It was learned that Mr. Thompson has filed a suit for libel in New York asking damages to the amount of \$200,000 from Mr. Carl W. Hamilton, for alleged defamation of professional reputation and character. Mr. Hamilton, who spent six months in the Philippines in 1918, re-organizing the Visayan Refining Company and starting several other oil mills, is alleged to have given statements to the press which Mr. Thompson construed to be detrimental to his interests. Mr. Thompson was for several years connected with the Visayan Refining Company at the time of its organization.

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

S.—SELLERS; B.—BUYERS; N.—NOMINAL.

OFFICIAL PRICES.

BANKS.

MARINE INSURANCES.

Canton b. \$410
North China b. 134
Union b. \$960 as 970/8
Yantai b. \$205
Far East b. 136

FIRE INSURANCES.

China Fire b. 100
H. K. Fire b. 1350

SHIPPING.

Douglas b. 96
Steamboats b. 121
Indos (Pref.) b. 81
Indos (Def.) b. 160
Shells b. 140
Fertis b. 35

REFINERIES.

Sugars b. 101
Malabons b. 39

MINING.

Kailan b. 47
Langkai b. 123
Rams b. 9
Tromps b. 1
Urala b. 35

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, & C.

H. K. Wharves b. \$117 as 118
Kowloon Docks b. 115
Shai Docks b. 134
N. Engineering b. 25

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.

Centrals b. 101
H. K. Hotels b. 90
Land Invest. b. 97
H. P. H. Est. b. 74
K'loon Lands b. 132
L. Reclamations b. 140
West Points b. 84

COTTON MILLS.

Ewos b. 170
Kung Yik b. 14
Lau Kung Mow b. 127
Orientals b. 58
Shai Cottons b. 55
Yangtzeppoo b. 830

MISCELLANEOUS.

Green Islands b. 890
Borneo b. 113
China Light & P. b. 66
Providents b. 72
Dairy Farms b. 226
H. K. Electric b. 874
Macao Electric b. 333
Ropes b. 135
Trams, Low Level b. 780
Trams, Peak, old b. 67
Trams, Peak, new b. 70
Laudries b. 33
Steel Foundries b. 12
L. Waterworks b. 11
Watsons b. 199 as 585
Wm. Powells b. 95
Wiseman's b. 25

Hongkong, February 6, 1919.

The Philippine Red Cross.

chapter has voted 62,500 pesos for war relief work in Siberia. Of this amount, 50,000 pesos will be turned over to the Siberian Mission, while the remainder will be used for the purchase of hospital equipment to fill the allotment made by the Philippine Red Cross officials for the Philippines. This will comprise 200 beds and the necessary supplies for them.

One of the last German concerns in the Philippines to be disposed of through the Alien Property Custodian, was the La Moa Cigar Factory of Germann and Company, which was acquired at public sale by a corporation of Philippine capitalists headed by Judge Arana.

The cost of the factory and large tobacco stocks, was more than 1,000,000 pesos.

The organization of the Hamilton Brown Shoe Store, capitalised at 250,000, which will establish a large retail store in Manila and serve as distributing centre for a wholesale business in the Orient, is one of the important business announcements of the week.

ENTERTAINMENT.

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A report from Amarongen (Holland) states that the ex-imperial couple are occasionally the "thanked throughout the world"; "Wie soll ich mich empfangen" ("How shall I receive Thee?"); "Ein herzliches Deinet-Liebet." ("A heart that loves humility.") Besides a few members of the imperial couple's suite, the Wehtinck family and some servants were present at the service.

IMPROVEMENTS AT BAHIA.
A section of the new port works at Bahia has just been put into service. The length of quay which has been opened is about 820 ft., and work is in hand on another section of about the same length. The minimum depth alongside is about 30 ft. The plans provide for the installation of eight electric cranes of three tons capacity, and a single crane of 15 tons capacity. The section of the quay which has been opened is to be used for the loading of ore, and with the temporary handling appliances already installed it is expected that 4,000 tons can be shipped every 24 hours.

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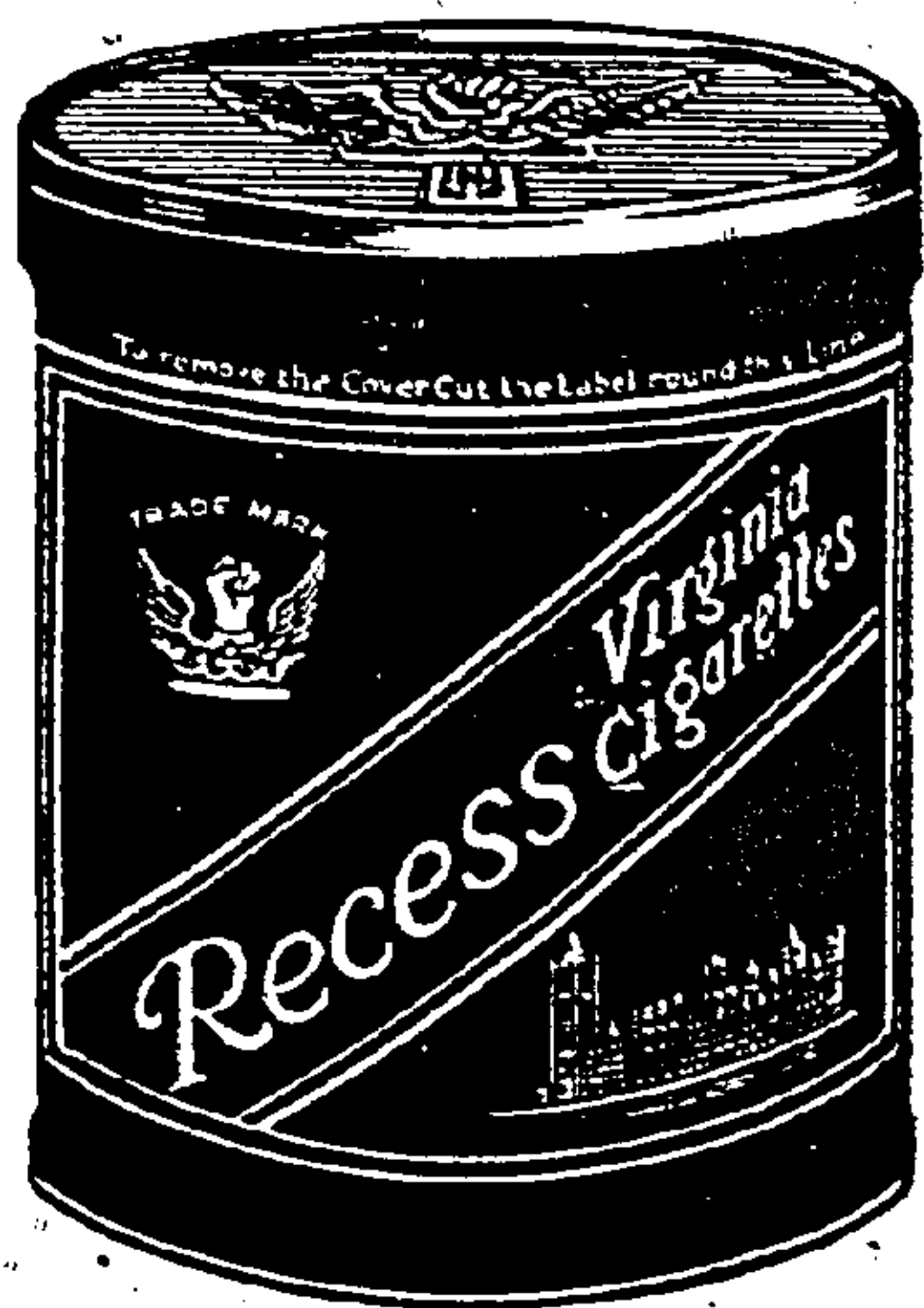
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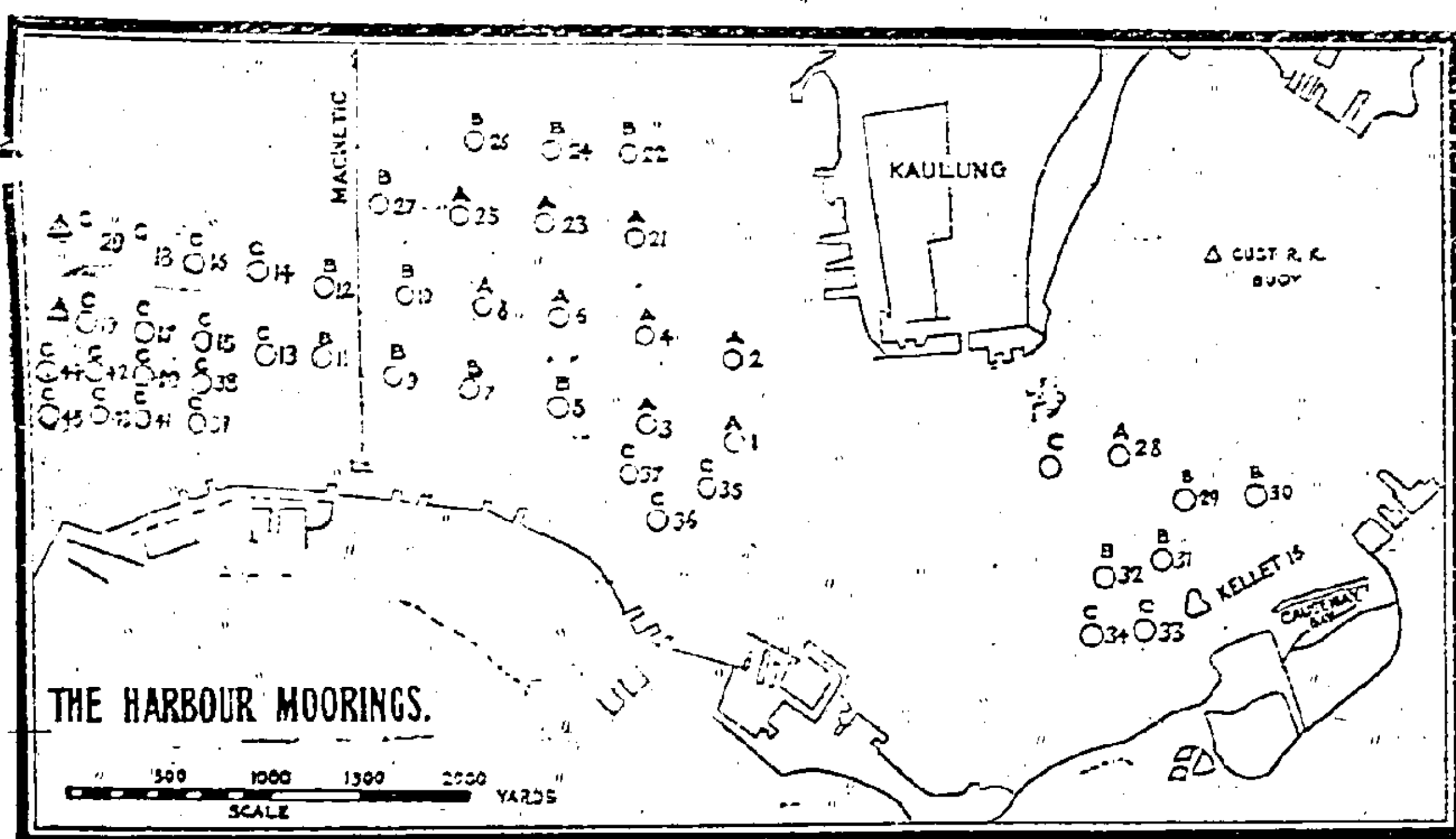
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C 37.
Wing Sang, 1517, Br. Capt. Christie,
Shanghai, J. M. - Mooring -
Wharf.
Banning, 1570, Br. Capt. Jones, Canton,
B & S. - Mooring - B 12.
Lainsand, 1012, Am. Capt. Artrath,
Manila, G. M. - Mooring -
B 10.
Caddopack, 1769, Am. Capt. Cottle, San
Francisco, P. M. S. - Mooring -
A 23.
D. Haku Maru, 735, Jap. Capt. Hasegawa,
Yokohama, O. S. E. - Mooring -
C 16.
Baryu Maru, No. 11 923, Jap. Capt. Ovi,
Wakamatsu, M. B. K. - Mooring -
B 22.
Inaho Maru, 254, Jap. Capt. Nishikawa,
Canton, O. S. E. - Mooring -
X.
Sensaura Maru, 1231, Jap. Capt. Jimboe,
Haiphong, Strait - Mooring -
B 20.
Shou Hing, 767, Chi. Capt. Morimoto,
Canton, Kwong Mow Tai -
Mooring - C 17.

VESSELS DEPARTED.

Caddopack for 1 sails
Shou Cheong for K. C. Wan
Diva for Bangkok
Haiborg for Forchow
Shou Hing for Dairen
Kis An for Hong Shan

POST OFFICE.

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Week-days except Saturday.-3.30 p.m.
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Sundays and Holidays.-11 a.m.

INWARD MAILS.

Manila and U.S.A.-Per TENYO MARU,
8th Feb.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO-MORROW.

Shanghai & N. China.-Per GLENARY,
8th Feb. 9 a.m.
Haiphong.-Per KALONG, 8th Feb.
10 a.m.

St. Louis and Bangkok.-Per TOYO MARU
No. 36, 8th Feb. 10 a.m.
Shanghai & N. China.-Per SUNNIG,
8th Feb. 11 a.m.
Haiphong.-Per HANOL, 8th Feb. 11 a.m.
Amoy and Straits.-Per HAIMUN, 8th
Feb. 1 p.m.
Bangkok.-Per O.M.A.R.U., 8th Feb.
5 p.m.

Fangkok.-Per NIAS, 8th Feb. 5 p.m.
Bangkok.-Per SOPEGUARA M., 8th
Feb. 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, 7th February

Saigon.-Per KIURIANG, 7th Feb.
11 a.m.
Shanghai and North China, Japan via
Nagasaki, Yokohama, Canada,
United States, Central & South
America, and Europe via San
Francisco.-Per ORINA, 7th
Feb. 8.45 a.m. Letter 8.30 a.m.

PHILIPPINE IS.-Per LOONGAN, 7th
Feb. 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, 8th February.
Japan via Kobe, Canada, United States,
Central and South America,
and Europe via Canada.-Per
OYCLOPE, 8th Feb. 8.45 a.m. Letter 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Forchow.-Per HAI-
TAN, 8th Feb. 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, 9th February.

Swatow, Amoy & Forchow via Keelung
.-Per KALIO MASU, 9th
Feb. 9 a.m.
Shanghai & N. China.-Per YINGO'OW,
9th Feb. 9 a.m.

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Prince's Building, Ground Floor,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1919.

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WEATHER REPORT.

February 5d. 11th. 11th. - No return
from Japan and Vladivostok. Pressure
has increased slightly at the major liv. of
reporting stations, owing to a further
increase in the intensity of the anti-
cyclone. Fresh to strong monsoon will
continue along the China coast, and over
the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.
Total since January 1st 1.14 inches
against an average of 1.77 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

Direction	Force
1. Monsoon - Gap Road	N.E. winds, fresh; fair.
2. Formosa - Taiwan	N winds, strong.
3. South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook	as No. 1.
4. South coast of China between H.K. and Balaos	as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Registrar.
Feb. 5 a.m.

Station	Hour	Barometer	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	Weather
Vostock	6a					
Namuro	5a					
Hakodate						
Tokio						
Kobe						
Nagasaki						
Kyushu						
Osaka						
Yokohama						
Manila	6a	30.57	14	84	2	2
Wahlow						
Haiphong						
Yokohama						
Shanghai		30.54	21		1	1
Quincy		30.45	25	100	0	1
Shanghai		30.49	38	81	2	4
Amoy		30.49	48	74	2	4
Swatow		30.47	40	100	2	2
Taipei	5a	30.49	45	75	2	4
Taipei		30.43	41		0	0
Kailash		30.34	43		2	4
Kailash		30.33	39		2	6
Peking		30.33	51		2	8
Canton		30.47	35	80	1	1
H.Kong		30.42	43	63	2	2
Gap Road		30.36			2	5
Macao		30.39	41	75	2	2
Wahlow	7a					
Phu Lien	7a	30.38	45	92	2	2
Tourane		30.01	72		2	4
C. St. J.						
Amoy						
Manila		30.66	72	89	2	1
Luzon		30.05	77	72	2	4
Yacloban		30.02	73	88	2	2
Hollo		30.1	73	87	2	4
Surigao		29.99	79	80	2	4
Green	410				2	2
Luzon	6	29.94	80	91	2	6

C. W. JEFFRIES.-Chief Assistant.

Hongkong Observatory, Feb. 5, 1919.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees
Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in in-
ches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees
Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation
the humidity of air saturated with mois-
ture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort
Scale.

State of Weather, in blue sky, or de-
scribed cloud, a drizzling rain, fog, or
cloudy, hazy, lightning, or overcast, or
partly shower, or squally, rain, snow,
hail, or visibility, or dew wet.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day	On date	On date
Barometer	30.23	30.59	30.38
Temperature	46	40	51
Humidity	84	81	43
Wind Direction	N.N.W.	N.N.E.	N.N.W.
Force	3	5	2
Weather	o	cd	b
Rain	0.03	0.00	0.52
Highest temp. at Temperature on the	1st	2d	3d
Lowest			

H.K. Observatory, Feb. 4, 1919.

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